

19 August 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, Office of Logistics

VIA: Chief, Real Estate and Construction  
Division, Office of Logistics

SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Replacement for  
Executive Order 11905

1. Reference document was hurriedly reviewed this date to ascertain what impact, if any, it would have on the operations of OL. It is difficult because of the broad scope of this document to determine what the direct effect upon OL will be. Nonetheless, the following thoughts are offered for your consideration:

a. In three separate sections of the proposed EO it talks of providing services of common concern. Specifically, Section 3, para. (d)(ix) states that the DCI will "promote the development and maintenance of services of common concern by designated foreign intelligence organizations on behalf of the Intelligence Community." Again, in Section 4 which deals with the responsibility of the Intelligence Community as a whole, members are admonished in para.(b)(10) to "participate, as appropriate, in the provision of services of common concern as directed by the DCI." Still in Section 4 under para. (c)(7), which deals with the responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency it states that CIA will "conduct, for the Intelligence Community, services of common concern as directed by the National Security Council." While it is uncertain what services of common concern are envisioned by the author, it is possible, as mentioned in the briefing by the A-DDA, that CIA might become more involved in providing services to the entire community rather than just our own operations. Carried to the extreme one can visualize such services as including certain supply activities, storage facilities, transportation of goods and personnel and even safehousing.

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b. It is noted that in the same section (para. 4(c)), the Agency continues to have authority to contract for R&D, the procurement of technical systems and devices, conduct of administrative, technical and support activities both in the U.S. and abroad and the all inclusive authorization to procure, maintain, transport, process (data), communicate, recruit, train, finance, provide medical services and develop essential and proprietary arrangements to support our operations.

c. One question which this document raises is support for the National Intelligence Tasking Center (NITC). When it discusses the Policy Review Committee (PRC) and the Special Coordination Committee (SCC), it is specific in stating support will be provided from the staff of the National Security Council. Again in the matter of National Foreign Intelligence Board (NFIB) the document states that staff support will be provided by the Executive Office of the President. However, in discussing NITC there is no mention from whence support for this staff will come. One can speculate that not only in the case of the NITC but as regards reorganizations in general that OL will be called upon to provide extensive support in such areas as acquisition of space, design layout and construction or renovation of facilities.

2. One curious note appears in Section 5, "restrictions on intelligence activities", wherein all the "no no's" are outlined. Direct attention to para. (f), the prohibition of political assassination which states "no employee of the U.S. Government shall engage in or conspire to engage in political assassination." This reviewer, and I think many grammarians, would read this sentence and come away with the impression that if an assassination were not "political" it might be condoned. I would suggest, therefore, that this point be clarified by removing the adjective "political" and simply prohibit assassination.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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The Office of Communications suggested one change on page 15, para XI "Establish procedures to ensure the propriety of requests, etc.,etc. " It is suggested that this paragraph be broadened to include local government as well as congressional requests and responses.

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